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LAUNCH OF PSLV
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the launch of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) is likely to take place as planned;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the PSLV proposes to launch three satellites including that of Indonesia in orbit; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The next launch of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV- C7) is planned during the last quarter of 2006. Towards this, the launch vehicle integration activities have already commenced in Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Shriharikota. Parallely, the satellites planned for launch on-board PSLV-C7 are undergoing various tests at the ISRO Satellite Centre, Bangalore.

(c) The next launch of PSLV-C7 would carry four satellites including one from Indonesia.

(d) Out of these, two form a part of our national space programme −

(i) CARTOSAT-2 for cartography applications and

(ii) Space capsule Recovery

Experiment (SRE) for microgravity experiments. In addition, PSLV-C7 would also carry two more satellites − a microsatellite LAPAN-TUBSAT of Indonesia for environmental monitoring applications and a micro satellite Nano-Pehuensat 1 of University of Argentina for amateur radio experiments.